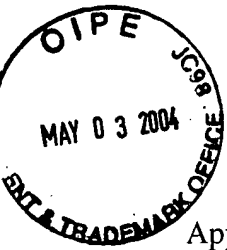


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2004-39149 which published on February 5, 2004, together with an English translation. This document is cited as Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-196415 on page 2 of the specification;

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2003-059124 which published on February 28, 2003, together with an English translation of the abstract;

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Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 10-040584 which published on February 13, 1998,
together with an English translation of the abstract;

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 10-249264 which published on September 22, 1998,
together with an English translation of the abstract; and

U.S. Publication No. 2004-0061247 to KOYAMA, published April 1, 2004.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents.
Copies of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also
attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached
PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official
communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also calls to the Examiner's attention the following commonly assigned and
copending patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/762,245 to IDE et al., filed January 23, 2004; and

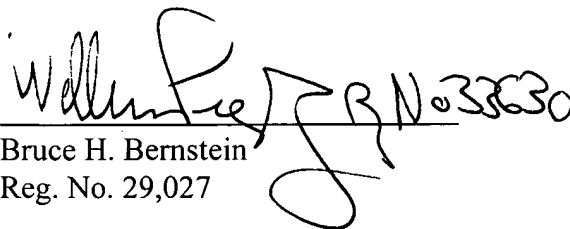
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/762,305 to IDE et al., filed January 23, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications
are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is requested to review the file wrappers of the U.S.
patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the
Examiner cannot locate the applications, Applicant will provide any requested materials, if
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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